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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. MOSCOW, ITS ALLIES, AND DETENTE

THE RECENT CRIMEA MEETING OF BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO WITH EAST EUROPEAN AND MONGOLIAN LEADERS SHOWS IT MAY NOT BE EASY FOR THE SOVIETS TO KEEP THEIR ALLIES IN LINE REGARDING DETENTE. EMBASSY MOSCOW'S ANALYSIS OF REPORTS OF THE MEETING REVEALS THAT ROMANIA CONTINUES TO BE A VEXING PROBLEM FOR THE KREMLIN. THE SOVIET PRESS GAVE HEAVY PLAY TO THE COORDINATION THEME. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 9244, 8/3.

2. LAO ACCORD SCENARIO MAY BE DELAYED

LAO AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE KHAMPHAN WENT OVER THE SITUATION WITH EMBASSY PARIS FOLLOWING HIS RECENT CONFIDENTIAL

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RETURN FROM LAOS, SAYING HE WAS MUCH LESS SANGUINE

ABOUT THE PROCESS OF CONCLUDING THE LAO PROTOCOL
NEGOTIATIONS THAN SOUVANNA. KHAMPHAN, WHO HAS OFTEN
ACCURATELY PREDICTED THE KING'S VIEWS, SAID THE KING

WOULD PROBABLY RAISE OBJECTIONS TO BOTH THE SCENARIO
AND SEVERAL SUBSTANTIVE POINTS, AND IT MAY TAKE LONGER
THAN FORESEEN TO GAIN HIS ACCEPTANCE. (CONFIDENTIAL)
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